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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 028251

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE

FOR RSO ATHENS, BEIRUT FOR RSS/RTC

REF: STATE 14967 AND ATHENS 639

1. SUBJECT VEHICLE WAS ACCEPTED AT MANUFACTURER'S PLANT  
COSTA MESA, CALIF 1/23/75. VEHICLE IS SCHED DEPART  
LONG BEACH ON 2/10/75 VIA SS ZIM MONTREAL FOR ETA PIREAUS  
OF 3/8/75. SHIPPING COSTS ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF VENDOR  
PER CONTRACT; THEREFORE, SEND ANY BILLINGS RELATED TO  
SHIPPING YOUR END TO PROTECTIVE DEVICES CORP., 1939  
PLACENTIA AVE., COSTA MESA, CALIF 92627.

2. VEHICLE IS A 1974 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER SEDAN, SERIAL NO.  
CS41T4C194417, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2029-490007. WEIGHT  
APPROXIMATELY 6240 LBS. IT HAS A 440 CID 4 BBL CARB  
ENGINE ADJUSTED TO BURN REGULAR FUEL. WHEREVER POSSIBLE,  
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ARE HEAVY DUTY. BOTH HOOD AND TRUNK  
LATCHES CAN BE CONTROLLED WITHIN CAR. TIRES ARE SPECIAL  
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LOAD RANGE D (EQUIVALENT TO 6-8 PLY), AND HAVE STEEL/RUBBER

INNER SAFETY ROLLERS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING LIFT AND MANEU-  
VERING CAPABILITY AFTER THE TIRE HAS BEEN SHREDDED FROM

GRENADE OR WEAPONS FIRE. SIDE AND REAR OPAQUE SURFACES  
ARE OF CERAMIC ARMOR CAPABLE OF DEFEATING UP TO .30 CAL  
MILITARY BALL AMMO (ALSO 7.62 NATO AND 7.62M43 RUSSIAN,  
SUCH AS FIRED FROM AK-47). SIDE AND REAR TRANSPARENT  
ARMOR IS A GLASS/PLASTIC COMPOSITE ARMOR WHICH WILL ALSO  
DEFEAT UP TO .30 CAL. FRONT WINDSHIELD IS A MOLDED MONO-  
LITHIC POLYCARBONATE WITH HARDENED SURFACES CAPABLE OF  
DEFEATING UP TO 9MM PISTOL AND SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE AT 0  
DEGREES OBILQUIITY, NOT INCLUDING AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE,  
ALTHOUGH IT WILL DEFEAT MORE SEVERE FIRE TO AN UNKNOWN  
DEGREE AT ANGLES. FLOOR PAN COVERED WITH 12 PLYS OF  
GLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC (GRP) CAPABLE OF DEFEATING  
PENETRATION ON FRAGMENTS FROM THE U.S. M-67 GRENADE. GAS  
TANK CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING GRENADE ON FRONT AND UNDER-  
NEATH AND 9MM FROM SIDES AND REAR. ROOF CONSISTS OF GRP  
TO DEFEAT 9MM. FRONT END BEHIND GRILL REINFORCED WITH  
1 1/4 INCH STEEL PIPING AND GRP LOUVRES. ONE OTHER  
SECURITY SYSTEM OF NOTE IS A FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM  
INSTALLED IN TRUNK OF VEHICLES. AGENT USED IS FE1301, A  
GAS WHICH CAN BE DELIVERED UNDER PRESSURE TO NOZZLES  
PLACED TO FLOOD THE GAS TANK AND ENGINE COMPARTMENT  
AREAS. THIS SYSTEM CAN BE ACTIVATED MANUALLY BY THE  
DRIVER (PRESSURE DEVICE PLACED TO LEFT OF WHEEL ON DASH)  
OR AUTOMATICALLY BY AN ELECTRONIC HEAT SENSING DEVICE.  
FE1301 WILL NOT DAMAGE VEHICULAR COMPONENTS OR INJURE  
OCCUPANTS. SECURITY SYSTEMS HAVE ADDED APPROXIMATELY  
1,100 LBS TO WEIGHT OF CAR, BUT THE EXTRA HEAVY DUTY  
SPRINGS AND FRAME SHOULD ABSORB THIS ADDITIONAL WEIGHT  
ACCEPTABLY. DURING TESTS OF PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED CARS,  
WE FOUND CAR IS VERY MANEUVERABLE DURING HIGH SPEED LANE  
SHIFTS ON HIGHWAYS, CORNERS AND HOLDS WELL AT HIGH SPEEDS  
ON NARROW MOUNTAIN ROADS, STOPS QUICKLY AND WILL ACCELERATE  
FROM STOP TO 60 MPH IN APPROXIMATELY 12 SEC. OVERALL  
APPEARANCE OF THIS CAR QUITE ELEGANT AND MEETS REPRESENTA-  
TIONAL STANDARDS. APPROXIMATE COST PER CAR IS DOL  
52,000.

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3. ABOVE CAR WILL REMAIN UNDER GENERAL SY OPERATIONAL  
CONTROL. YOUR POST IS RECIPIENT THIS CAPABILITY BASED  
ON POSSIBLE THREATS AGAINST COM. IF SUCH THREATS ABATE  
IN FUTURE, CAR MAY BE SENT TO ANOTHER POST HAVING  
GREATER RELATIVE NEED. FYI, SY IS BUDGETED TO PROVIDE  
MAINTENANCE PARTS AND SERVICE FOR FULLY ARMORED CARS.  
FURTHER DETAILS ON VEHICLES AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS  
WILL FOLLOW LATER. KISSINGER

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